

John Bailey's Will

In the name of God amen. I, John Bailey Jun. of the county
Camden and State of Georgia being in low State of health
though in perfect mind and memory thank be given unto God;
calling into mind the mortality of my Body, and knowing that I
am appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will
& testament; that is to say principally and first of all I give & recommend
my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my Body
to be buried in decent Christian burial at the
discretion of the Executors to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the

discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the gen-
 eral resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty
 power of God. And as touching such worldly estate ^{whereby} ~~whereby~~
 I hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and
 dispose of the same in the following manner & form. First
 to dispose of a sufficient quantity of my stock of Cattle or
 Horses as will pay or discharge all my Just debts under the
 direction and at the discretion of my Executors. Secondly, I
 give and bequeath to Margaret my beloved wife a sufficient
 quantity of said Stock of Cattle as will be sufficient to pay
 or purchase for her one good negro woman likewise under the
 direction of my Executors the balance of the Stock of Cattle
 including the Horses to be equally divided between my be-
 loved wife Margaret and my beloved son William. Thirdly
 I give and bequeath to my only beloved son William one Negro
 man called Ellis and one small Negro which is to be willed
 and pointed out by my Father a remainder of my part
 of his Estate.

I likewise constitute make and ordain and appoint my
 Brother William Barclay & William Welch my Executors and
 do hereby utterly disallow revoke and annul all and every
 other former Testaments Wills Legacies bequests and executors
 by me in any wise before named willed and bequeathed that
 touching & Confirming this and no other to be my last will
 and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and seal this 12th day of October in the year of our
 Lord 1809. —

W^m Ashley

John Bailey Jun^r

Personally appeared William Ashley on the 1st day of
October 1810 before me the Subscriber one of the Justices
of Inferior Court for the County of Camden who being duly
sworn doth depose and say that in his presence the
Signature of John Bailey Jun^r was made as above
doth appear with his own hand and at a time when
he the said John Bailey Jun^r was in his ~~perfect~~ opinion
of Dependent in his perfect state of mind. And deponent
doth further say that he did see Mary Ashley sign
her name thereto as a witness thereof
Sworn to this 1st day of
October 1810 before me

W^m Ashley


Not Ross J. J. C.

Georgia Camden County

Personally came before us William
Ashley Esq^r who being duly sworn doth depose and
say that he saw John Bailey Jun^r sign seal and pro-
mune the foregoing Instrument of writing as his
last will & Testament and that he with Mary Ashley
did in the presence of the said Testator and in the
presence of each other sign as witnesses to the same
and that at the time of the said Testator signing the
same he appeared to be in perfect sound mind and
Memory -

Sworn before us

this 3rd day of Dec^r 1812

Abra^m West J. J. C.

John West J. J. C.

W^m Ashley


Georgia
 Camden County } appeared Francis Young one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the within Instrument of writing.
 Also Samuel Church one other of the subscribing witnesses,
 who being sworn saith that they were present and did
 see M^{rs} Elizabeth Shearman the Testatrix execute the
 same and declare it to be her last will & Testament and
 that they did subscribe the same as witnesses in the
 Presence of each other, and of Abrah^m Wessent the other
 witness, and in the presence of the Testatrix. —

Sworn to open Court
 November 6th 1815
 W^m Bailey J. J. C.

Francis Young
 Samuel Church

